

FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION
OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20579

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

ECHO FALLS FARM, INC.

Claim No. CU-2809

Decision No. CU **832**

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

Counsel for claimant:

Campbell & Lemaster

PROPOSED DECISION

This claim against the Government of Cuba, filed under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of \$825,000.00, was presented by ECHO FALLS FARM, INC. and is based upon the asserted loss of certain personal property.

Under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 [78 Stat. 1110 (1964) 22 U.S.C. §§1643-1643k (1964), as amended, 79 Stat. 988 (1965)], the Commission is given jurisdiction over claims of nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba. Section 503(a) of the Act provides that the Commission shall receive and determine in accordance with applicable substantive law, including international law, the amount and validity of claims by nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba arising since January 1, 1959 for

losses resulting from the nationalization, expropriation, intervention or other taking of, or special measures directed against, property including any rights or interests therein owned wholly or partially, directly or indirectly at the time by nationals of the United States.

Section 502(3) of the Act provides:

The term 'property' means any property, right, or interest including any leasehold interest, and debts owed by the Government of Cuba or by enterprises which have been nationalized, expropriated, intervened, or taken by the Government of Cuba and debts which are a charge on property which has been nationalized, expropriated, intervened, or taken by the Government of Cuba.

Section 504 of the Act provides, as to ownership of claims, that

(a) A claim shall not be considered under section 503(a) of this title unless the property on which the claim was based was owned wholly or partially, directly or indirectly by a national of the United States on the date of the loss and if considered shall be considered only to the extent the claim has been held by one or more nationals of the United States continuously thereafter until the date of filing with the Commission.

The Regulations of the Commission provide:

The claimant shall be the moving party and shall have the burden of proof on all issues involved in the determination of his claim. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. §531.6(d) (Supp. 1967).)

Claimant states that it owned 250 prize Aberdeen Angus cattle, 5 show bulls, 20 show cows and heifers and 12 registered mares and foals located in Holgin, Oriente Province, Cuba, and that this property was taken by the Government of Cuba. No evidence has been submitted in support of this claim. In addition, claimant has not established that it is a national of the United States as required by the Act.

By Commission letter of June 16, 1967, claimant was advised, through counsel, as to the type of evidence proper for submission to establish this claim under the Act. By letter dated August 17, 1967, counsel for claimant requested an extension of forty-five (45) days to submit the evidence. An extension of forty-five (45) days was granted by letter dated August 21, 1967. On November 6, 1967, counsel was invited to submit any evidence available to him within thirty (30) days, and he was informed that, absent such evidence, it might become necessary to determine the claim on the basis of the existing record. Counsel was also advised that

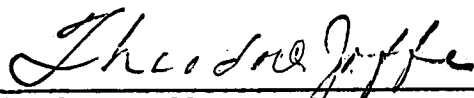
if no response was received within ten (10) days, a copy of the letter would be sent to claimant. On November 27, 1967, a copy of the letter was sent to claimant. No response to these letters or evidence has been submitted in this claim.

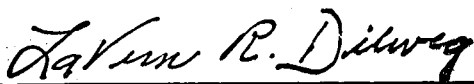
The Commission finds that claimant has not met the burden of proof in that it has failed to establish ownership of rights and interests in property which was nationalized, expropriated or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba. Thus, the Commission is constrained to deny this claim and it is hereby denied. The Commission deems it unnecessary to make determinations with respect to other elements of the claim.

Dated at Washington, D. C.
and entered as the Proposed
Decision of the Commission

14 DEC 1967


Edward D. Re, Chairman


Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner


LaVern R. Dilweg, Commissioner

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